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**Review of United Nations activities related to geospatial
information management****Review of United Nations activities related to geospatial
information management****Note by the Secretariat**

The Secretariat has the honour to bring to the attention of the Committee of Experts on Global Geospatial Information Management its report on the review of United Nations activities related to geospatial information management. The report is available in the language of submission only from the website of the Committee (http://ggim.un.org/ggim_committee.html). The Committee is invited to take note of the report and to express its views on the way forward for the global geospatial information management community to actively contribute to the effective coordination of the geospatial activities within the United Nations system.

Summary of the report

At its fifth session, held in New York from 5 to 7 August 2015, the Committee of Experts adopted decision 5/110, in which it took note of the report on the coordination of United Nations activities related to geospatial information management, noted the many valuable initiatives undertaken throughout the United Nations system, but expressed some concern that they should be sustainable and not appear to be fragmented. The Committee called for a report documenting the geospatial resources, activities and governance arrangements of the United Nations system in a systematic manner and invited the Secretariat to work closely with the United Nations Geographic Information Working Group to reach out to relevant United Nations partners to assist in the preparation of the report.

In its report, the Secretariat provides an overview of the existing geospatial resources, activities and governance arrangements within the United Nations system.

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